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Community input sought on Latson Rd. interchange project

Lansing – Local and state leaders are seeking input from residents affected by the Latson Road interchange project. Residents are invited to become members of a Latson Road Interchange Committee and share their thoughts at a meeting scheduled to discuss the implementation of the Latson Road Interchange. The meeting is set for Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. at the Genoa Twp. Hall, 2911 Dorr Rd. in Brighton.

“This project is critical to the Howell and Brighton communities,” said state Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell. “I know there are many local residents who would like to join the effort to get the state to begin this project, and I urge those interested or affected individuals to work with us.”

“I encourage local attendance at these meetings,” said Rep. Chris Ward, R-Brighton Twp. “It’s important for MDOT to hear, first-hand, how desperately we need to address funding for the Latson Road interchange. We need to have an infrastructure which supports the growth our county continues to experience.”

An informal Latson Road Interchange Committee was initially created to discuss the project’s funding, which was made up of local elected officials, the area’s state delegation, representatives from the road commission, education leaders, area chambers of commerce, business owners and staff members from the office of Congressman Mike Rogers, R-Michigan. Now that funding has been secured by Rogers through federal sources, the committee is requesting help from the community.

Despite Rogers’ work to bring in funding for the project, the Michigan Department of Transportation’s five-year plan does not include an interchange at I-96 and Latson Rd. The committee’s goal is to work with the state to include this project in the plan.

If you are interested in attending the Feb. 25 meeting and becoming a member of the Interchange Committee, contact Pat Convery, president of the Howell Chamber of Commerce, at 517-546-3920. For more information, contact Garcia’s office at 517-373-2420 or Ward’s office at 517-373-1784.

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